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614 extinct, are unusual; normally, the group is largely centred in
621. one village, but with members scattered in other localities. There is no central organization. It is generally recognized that such a unit belongs in the village where its first ancestors settled, and the leading chief of that village is, therefore, an important person in the family, though without status of [622] "head" of it. His advice may be appealed to in cases of dis- [553] putes concerning names, but he lacks judicial authority. Theoretically, the descendants of the elder of two first people are considered as "elder brothers and elder sisters" of those descended from a younger brother or sister; but this is nothing more than an accepted fact; it plays no part in the social life of the community.

552 In addition to human names, the origin myths include those
614 applied to dogs. The first ancestral group had dogs, and these
773 animals had names, or were given them by their powerful masters. Ever since that time their descendants can apply these designations to their own dogs. It is unnecessary to validate such names, but no two canines can be given the same one at the same time, according to the rule which governs the bestowal of human names. This matter was not investigated [539] in detail, and the only dog's name collected was one for which the origin myth is as follows:

> When *Tăl·ie* was first settled in the beginning of time, the houses were built in parallel rows, one above the other, up the side of a steep knoll. At the very top was a toi'et-house, built over such a steep incline [514] that excrement rolled down the hillside. In consequence, one of the early chiefs living there gave to his dog the name, *Nuliqwumut di mink'*, "Rolling excrement," which has since been preserved in the ancestral family of his descendants.

LAND

124 Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining information
423 about land tenure. The Bella Coola resent keenly the way in
177 which their land has been occupied by white settlers without, according to their standpoint, proper compensation. Ques-

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This shows the toilet[14] of Raven, long, long ago.
Sing:

Numamunkits	*Qwax*	*altu smu·ntwa·als*
The toilet of	Raven,	long, long ago.

Release middle, ring, and little fingers.
With little fingers hook down radial thumb strings.
Release thumbs.

Pass left middle finger through left index finger loop from proximal side.

Place right index finger tip to tip with left middle finger and transfer right index finger loop to left middle finger.

FIG. 28. "Raven's Heron."

Place right index finger tip to tip with left index finger and transfer left index finger loop to right index finger.

Pass left index finger into left middle finger loop from proximal side and transfer this loop.

This shows the heron of Raven, long, long ago (Figure 28).
Sing:

Xaqants	*Qwax*	*altu smu·ntwa·als.*
The heron of	Raven,	long, long ago.

Release right index finger.
This shows the dog of Raven, long, long ago.
Sing:

Wowuntc	*Qwax*	*altu smu·ntwa·als.*
The dog [an archaic word] of	Raven	long, long ago.

STRING TRICKS

1. A CUTTING

Place string over left little finger as a simple loop, holding it with right hand at a distance of about six inches from left hand; this distance should be maintained throughout the movements by allowing more string to pass through right hand.

Pass left ring finger distal to radial little finger string and take up ulnar little finger string from proximal side.

[14] The aperture in the horizontal staging in front of the houses which serves as toilet.

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